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## MEETING OF THE

# ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE

### **PLEASE NOTE TIME CHANGE**

**Thursday, October 6, 2006**

**9:45 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.**

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Southern California Association of Governments  
Energy & Environment Committee  
October 2006

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*Margaret Clark, Vice-    Rosemead*  
*Chair*

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Brennan, Brian	VCOG
Campbell, Todd	Burbank
Carrillo, Victor	Imperial County
Carroll, Stan	La Habra Heights
Cook, Debbie	Huntington Beach
Eaton, Paul	Montclair
Edkenrode, Norman	Placentia
Forester, Larry	Signal Hill
Gafin, David	Downey
Hanks, Keith	Azusa
Harrison, Jon	Redlands
King, Dorothy	Gateway Cities
Lilburn, Penny	SANBAG
Marchand, Paul	Cathedral City
Miller, Mike	West Covina
Nelson, Larry	Artesia
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*"Any item listed on the agenda (action or information)  
may be acted upon at the discretion of the Committee".*

1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF  
ALLEGIANCE

Hon. Dennis  
Washburn, Chair

2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD

Members of the public desiring to speak on an agenda item or items not on the agenda, but within the purview of the Committee, must fill out and present a speaker's card to the Assistant prior to speaking. A speaker's card must be turned in before the meeting is called to order. Comments will be limited to three minutes. The chair may limit the total time for all comments to twenty (20) minutes.

3.0 REVIEW and PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS

4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR

4.1 Approval Item

4.1.1 Minutes of September 14, 2006 Meeting  
Attachment

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4.2 Receive and File

4.2.1 State & Federal Legislation Matrix  
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4.2.2 End of Session Legislative Report  
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5.0 ACTION ITEMS

No Items



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6.0	<b><u>INFORMATION ITEMS</u></b>		
6.1	<u>2004 RTP Update Strategy/SAFETEA-LU Environmental Compliance Attachment</u>  Staff will present the proposed approach for environmental compliance with SAFETEA-LU.	Jennifer Sarnecki SCAG Staff  26	10 Minutes
6.2	<u>Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Open Space and Habitat Chapter Attachment</u>  Staff will present the preliminary goals and strategy for the Open Space and Habitat Chapter of the RCP.	Jessica Kirchner SCAG Staff  28	10 Minutes
7.0	<b><u>WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT</u></b>	Hon. Dennis Washburn, Chair	
8.0	<b><u>SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE REPORT</u></b>	Hon. Toni Young, Chair	
9.0	<b><u>CHAIR'S REPORT</u></b>	Hon. Dennis Washburn	
10.0	<b><u>STAFF REPORT</u></b>	Sylvia Patsaouras, SCAG Staff	



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11.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Any Committee members or staff desiring to place items on a future agenda may make such request. Comments should be limited to three (3) minutes.

12.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS

13.0 ADJOURNMENT

The next meeting of the Energy and Environment Committee will be held on November 2, 2006, at the SCAG Office on downtown Los Angeles.



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Energy and Environment Committee  
of the  
Southern California Association of Governments  
September 14, 2006

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*Minutes*

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**THE FOLLOWING MINUTES ARE A SUMMARY OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE. AUDIO CASSETTE TAPE OF THE ACTUAL MEETING IS AVAILABLE FOR LISTENING IN SCAG'S OFFICE.**

The Energy and Environment Committee held its meeting at the Southern California Association of Governments, downtown Los Angeles. The meeting was called to order by Dennis Washburn, Chair. There was a quorum.

**Members Present**

Campbell, Todd	City of Burbank
Clark, Margaret (Vice-Chair)	City of Rosemead
Cook, Debbie	City of Huntington Beach
Eckenrode, Norman	City of Placentia
Forester, Larry	City of Signal Hill
Gafin, David	City of Downey
King, Dorothy	Gateway Cities COG
Miller, Mike	City of West Covina
Nelson, Larry	City of Artesia
Van Arsdale, Lori	City of Hemet
Washburn, Dennis (Chair)	City of Calabasas
Young, Toni	City of Port Hueneme
Zerunyan, Frank	SBCCOB
Zine, Dennis	City of Los Angeles

**Members Not Present**

Bertone, Denis	SGVCOG
Brennan, Brian	VCOG
Carrillo, Victor	City of Imperial
Carroll, Stan	City of La Habra Heights
Eaton, Paul	City of Montclair
Hanks, Keith	City of Azusa
Harrison, Jon	City of Redlands
Lilburn, Penny	SANBAG
Marchand, Paul	City of Cathedral City
Olivas, David J.	SGVCOG

**1.0 CALL TO ORDER & PLEDGE OF ALLEGIENCE**

Hon. Dennis Washburn, Chair, called the meeting to order at 10:05 a.m. and led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

**2.0 PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD**

No public comment.

**3.0 REVIEW AND PRIORITIZE AGENDA ITEMS**

It was agreed to hear Item 6.1 after the Consent Calendar.

**4.0 CONSENT CALENDAR**

It was MOVED (Hon. Norm Eckenrode), SECONDED (Hon. Dorothy King), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**4.1 Approval Item**

4.1.1 Minutes of July 6, 2006

4.1.2 Propositions 1E and 84

**4.2 Receive and File**

4.2.1 State & Federal Legislative Matrix

**5.0 ACTION ITEMS**

**5.1 2007 South Coast Air Quality Management Plan (AQMP)**

Jonathan Nadler, SCAG Staff, provided a report summarizing SCAG's portion of the draft 2007 AQMP and provided a Powerpoint presentation.

The item was MOVED (Hon. Todd Campbell), SECONDED (Hon. Larry Forester), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

**5.2 Workshop on Water Efficient Land Use Planning**

Dan Griset, SCAG Staff, introduced Susan Longville, Director of Water Resources Institute, Cal State San Bernardino, who provided a report on the importance of SCAG's collaboration in hosting a workshop and participating in two Advisory Committees.

The item was MOVED (Hon. Toni Young), SECONDED (Hon. Norm Eckenrode), and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED.

## **6.0 INFORMATION ITEMS**

### **6.1 I-710 (South) EIR/EIS MOU**

Alan Thompson, SCAG Staff, informed the Committee that this item is going to the Regional Council through the Administration Committee for approval today. It is being brought to the EEC as an information item because it involves an EIR/EIS. The MOU partners SCAG with MTA, Gateway Cities COG, Caltrans, and FHWA to work together on this EIR.

### **6.2 Clean Alternative Energy Act**

Jennifer Sarnecki, SCAG Staff, introduced Kate Lutz, YES on Proposition 87 and Ted Green, NO on Proposition 87 who provided information for both sides of Proposition 87.

It was MOVED (Hon. Norm Eckenrode), SECONDED (Hon. Larry Forester) and UNANIMOUSLY APPROVED to Receive and File.

## **8.0 WATER POLICY TASK FORCE REPORT**

The next Water Policy Task Force meeting is scheduled for September 21st, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at the Metropolitan Water District in Los Angeles.

## **9.0 SOLID WASTE TASK FORCE REPORT**

The next Solid Waste Task Force meeting is scheduled for September 28<sup>th</sup>, 10:00 a.m. at the SCAG Office.

## **10.0 CHAIR'S REPORT**

None

## **11.0 STAFF REPORT**

Sylvia Patsaouras, SCAG Staff, reported that there is an Open Space Workshop on September 21 and an Environmental Mitigation Workshop for the next RTP on October 10 at SCAG, and a Conference on California and the Future of Energy on September 28 at UCLA.



**12.0 FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**


Hon. Lori Van Arsdale asked that a brief presentation be made by the Center for Water Education, promoting public education on water and water conservation.

**13.0 ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**13.0 ADJOURNMENT**

There being no further business, Dennis Washburn, Chair, adjourned the meeting at 11:40 a.m.

Action Minutes Approved  
by:

  
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Sylvia Patsaouras, Staff  
Energy and Environment

# MEMO

**DATE:** October 5, 2007

**TO:** Energy and Environment Committee

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. Dunn  
Government Affairs Analyst

**SUBJECT:** State and Federal Legislation Matrix

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## SUMMARY:

The attached legislative bill matrix provides summaries of state and federal legislation relevant to SCAG activities and items of interest.

These legislative bills are organized by subject matter in the following categories: Air Quality, Energy, Environment, Gdsmvmt, GovBondBills, Housing, Land Use, SWCompactBills, Solid Waste, Transportation, Transit and Water.

Bill summaries include known on-record positions for other statewide organizations following these issues such as the California League of Cities, California State Association of Counties, CALCOG, and others. Also included for your information is each bill's position in the legislative process. Any bills included in previous matrices that have failed to move, i.e., 'dead' bills, have been purged from the matrix.

Please feel free to contact me at (213)-236-1880 if you have any questions or wish to discuss any legislative bill or issue.

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Doc# 127185

Private file: AirQuality

CA AB 1430

**AUTHOR:** Goldberg (D)  
**TITLE:** Air Contaminants  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2005  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires the State Air Resources Board's environmental justice advisory committee to review each updated methodology used by air pollution control districts and air quality management districts to calculate the value of credits issued for emission reductions for stationary, mobile, indirect, and areawide sources, including those issued under market-based incentives programs, when those credits are used interchangeable, with certain requirements.

**STATUS:**

08/28/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

**Subject:** AirQuality

CA AB 2823

**AUTHOR:** Ruskin (D)  
**TITLE:** Air Pollution: District Compliance Programs  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/24/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/22/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To enrollment  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires districts with a specified population, for any notice of violation of specified nuisance laws and regulations, to post a copy of the notice on the district's website, to provide a copy of the notice to the state board, the city and county where the violation occurred, and other appropriate governmental entities, to place a notice in a newspaper, and to post a laminated copy of the notice on each side of the violating facility. Requires any person violating specified nuisance laws to pay costs.

**STATUS:**

08/31/2006 In SENATE. Read third time. Passed SENATE. \*\*\*\*\*To ASSEMBLY for concurrence.

08/31/2006 In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment.

CA AB 2825

**AUTHOR:** Ruskin (D)  
**TITLE:** Schoolsites: Hazardous Emissions and Substances  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/24/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To enrollment  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires the identification of both existing and proposed facilities that emit hazardous air emissions or handle extremely hazardous substances or hazardous waste, within a school district's authority. Requires an appropriate planning commission report to contain information included in an environmental impact report or negative declaration. Requires an administering agency to provide information regarding existing and proposed facilities. Defines hazardous air emission and extremely hazardous substance.

**STATUS:**

08/31/2006 In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment.

CA AB 2880

**AUTHOR:** Lieu (D)  
**TITLE:** Integrated Waste Management Board: Green Buildings  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/24/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Failed - Adjourned  
**LOCATION:** Senate Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:**

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Requires the Integrated Waste Management Board to make available to the public, in part through the board's internet web site, public resources about green buildings. Requires the board to establish an advisory committee and see the advice of the committee in developing, maintaining, and updating the Internet Web site.

**STATUS:**

08/17/2006

In SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Not heard.

CA SB 757

**AUTHOR:** Kehoe (D)  
**TITLE:** Oil Conservation, Efficiency and Alternative Fuels Act  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2005  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/21/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Enacts the Oil Conservation, Efficiency and Alternative Fuels Act. Requires state agencies to take the state's transportation energy goals into account in adopting rules and regulations. Relates to toxic air contaminants and public vehicles. Relates to oil industry price and supply reporting requirements. Relates to replacing lost gasoline and diesel fuel taxes. Requires submission of a transportation energy conservation, efficiency and alternative fuel policy assessment. Relates to vehicle fuel economy.

**STATUS:**

09/08/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

**Subject:** AirQuality

**Private file:** Energy

CA AB 2104

**AUTHOR:** Lieber (D)  
**TITLE:** Energy: Alternate Rates for Energy Program  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/17/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/15/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to improve the Alternate Rates for Energy application process for tenants of a mobilehome park, apartment building, or similar residential complex receiving electric or gas service from a master-meter customer by developing processes whereby electrical and gas corporations are able to directly accept applications from tenants Requires the commission to require such corporations to provide each master-meter customer with a list of tenants who receive a discount.

**STATUS:**

08/21/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

CA AB 2390

**AUTHOR:** Assembly Utilities and Commerce Committee  
**TITLE:** Public Utilities Commission: Reporting/Rehearings  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/23/2006  
**ENACTED:** 09/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 217  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires the Public Utilities Commission to notify the parties of the issuance of an order or decision by mail or, with consent, electronic transmission and to report on energy efficiency and conservation programs. Revises the definition of date of issuance to mean the mailing or electronic transmission date that is stamped on the official version of the order or decision. Specifies that the issuance of a decision or the granting of an application is to be construed to have occurred on issuance.

**STATUS:**

09/07/2006

Signed by GOVERNOR.

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Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 217

CA SB 1

**AUTHOR:** Murray (D)  
**TITLE:** Electricity: Solar Energy: Net Metering  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no

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**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 12/06/2004  
**ENACTED:** 08/21/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 132  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires a seller of production homes to offer the option of a solar energy system to all customers negotiating the purchase of such home and to disclose certain information. Allows a bypass of this requirement for the installation of a solar energy system in such homes. Requires the Public Utilities Commission on implementing the State Solar Initiative to award monetary incentives for eligible systems, to adopt a performance-based program including energy efficiency improvements. Relates to contractors.

**STATUS:**

08/21/2006 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
08/21/2006 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 132  
**Subject:** Environment

CA SB 107

**AUTHOR:** Simitian (D)  
**TITLE:** Renewable Energy: Research and Development  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/20/2005  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/29/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** Enrolled  
**SUMMARY:**

Revises and recasts language so the amount of electricity generated per year from eligible renewable energy resources is increased to an amount that equals at least 20% of the total electricity sold to retail customers per year by December 31, 2010. Provides an exemption. Requires the Energy Commission to develop mechanisms for renewable energy credits and to include an assessment of increasing electricity from renewable resources in its energy report. Relates to payments to out of state facilities.

**STATUS:**

09/08/2006 Enrolled.  
**Subject:** Energy

CA SB 1505

**AUTHOR:** Lowenthal (D)  
**TITLE:** Fuel: Hydrogen Alternative Fuel  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/23/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/21/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Declares the legislature's intent that, when the state hydrogen highway blueprint plan is implemented, it be done so in a clean and environmentally responsible and advantageous manner. Requires the state Air Resources Board to adopt regulations that will ensure that state funding for the production and use of hydrogen fuel contributes to the reduction of greenhouse gas, criteria air pollutant and toxic air contaminant emissions and to meet certain requirements. Relates to level of hydrogen fuel dispensed.

**STATUS:**

09/06/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

**Private file:** Environment

CA AB 32

**AUTHOR:** Nunez (D)  
**TITLE:** Greenhouse Gases: Global Warming Solutions Act  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 12/06/2004  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/30/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires the State Air Resources Board to adopt regulations to require the reporting and verification of statewide greenhouse gas emissions and to monitor and enforce compliance with this requirement, to

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adopt a statewide greenhouse gas emissions limit equivalent to the statewide levels in 1990 to be achieved by 2020, to adopt rules and regulations in an open public process to achieve maximum technologically feasible and cost-effective emissions reduction and to adopt a source of emission fee schedule.

**STATUS:**

09/05/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

**Private file:** Gdsmvmt

CA SB 760

**AUTHOR:** Lowenthal (D)  
**TITLE:** Ports: Congestion Relief: Security Enhancement  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2005  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/27/2005  
**DISPOSITION:** Failed - Adjourned  
**LOCATION:** Assembly Appropriations Committee  
**SUMMARY:**

Imposes on each shipping container processed in the Port of Los Angeles or the Port of Long Beach a fee of \$30 per twenty-foot equivalent unit, payable by the marine terminal operator processing the container to the port where the marine terminal is located. Requires each port to retain 1/3 of the funds derived from imposition of the fee and transmit the remaining 2/3 in the amount of 1/2 due to the Port Congestion Relief Trust Fund and 1/2 to the South Coast Air Quality Management District.

**STATUS:**

08/17/2006

In ASSEMBLY Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Heard, remains in Committee.

CA SB 1282

**AUTHOR:** Ducheny (D)  
**TITLE:** Transportation: Federal Funds: Border Infrastructure  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** yes  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/14/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/02/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires federal funds apportioned to the state under the coordinated border infrastructure program of the Safe, Accountable Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to be programmed, allocated and expended in the same manner as other federal transportation capital funds in the state transportation improvement program. Authorizes use of funds for projects in Mexico. Provides for programming the use of funds needed to match related federal funding.

**STATUS:**

08/30/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

CA SB 1286

**AUTHOR:** Ducheny (D)  
**TITLE:** Binational Air Pollution  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/14/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/26/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Specifies the membership of the California delegation to the binational council to address air quality issues in the binational air basin that encompasses Imperial County and the City of Mexicali. Requires the binational council's meetings to be open to the public and requires the binational council to perform specified functions, including, but not limited to, identifying and recommending strategies and actions that could be taken to improve air quality within the air basin.

**STATUS:**

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\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

US HR 1319

**SPONSOR:** Reyes (D)  
**TITLE:** United States Mexico Border Area  
**INTRODUCED:** 03/15/2005  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Multiple Committees

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**SUMMARY:**

To improve the health of residents of, and the environment in, the United States - Mexico border area.

**STATUS:**

03/15/2005 INTRODUCED.  
03/15/2005 To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.  
03/15/2005 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE.  
  
03/15/2005 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on AGRICULTURE.  
03/15/2005 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on FINANCIAL SERVICES.  
03/15/2005 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.  
  
03/15/2005 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.  
03/15/2005 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on ARMED SERVICES.

US HR 1349

**SPONSOR:** Oberstar (DFL)  
**TITLE:** Economic Development  
**INTRODUCED:** 03/16/2005  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Multiple Committees  
**SUMMARY:**

To amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely distressed regions in the Nation.

**STATUS:**

03/16/2005 INTRODUCED.  
03/16/2005 To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.  
03/16/2005 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on FINANCIAL SERVICES.

US HR 2672

**SPONSOR:** Harris (R)  
**TITLE:** Secretary of Homeland Security  
**INTRODUCED:** 05/26/2005  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Multiple Committees  
**SUMMARY:**

Directs the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a program to enhance the mutual security and safety of the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

**STATUS:**

05/26/2005 INTRODUCED.  
05/26/2005 To HOUSE Committee on INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.  
05/26/2005 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on ARMED SERVICES.  
05/26/2005 Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on HOMELAND SECURITY.

US S 1875

**SPONSOR:** Bingaman (D)  
**TITLE:** Financial Aid to Border Law Enforcement Officials  
**INTRODUCED:** 10/17/2005  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
**SUMMARY:**

Provides financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders, and for other purposes.

**STATUS:**

10/17/2005 INTRODUCED.  
10/17/2005 In SENATE. Read second time.  
10/17/2005 To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.

**Private file: GovBondBills**

CA AB 127

**AUTHOR:** Nunez (D)  
**TITLE:** Education Facilities: Kindergarten-University Bond Act  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** yes  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/13/2005  
**ENACTED:** 05/20/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 35  
**SUMMARY:**

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Enacts the Kindergarten-University Public Education Facilities Bond Act of 2006. Authorizes a specified amount in state general obligation bonds to provide aid to school districts, county superintendents of schools, county boards of education, the California Community Colleges, the University of California, the Hastings College of the Law, and the California State University to construct and modernize education facilities.

**STATUS:**

05/20/2006

Signed by GOVERNOR.

05/20/2006

Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 35

CA AB 140

**AUTHOR:**

Nunez (D)

**TITLE:**

Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bonds

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

no

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

yes

**INTRODUCED:**

01/13/2005

**ENACTED:**

05/19/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

Enacted

**LOCATION:**

Chaptered

**CHAPTER:**

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**SUMMARY:**

Enacts the Disaster Preparedness and Flood Prevention Bond Act of 2006. Authorizes the issuance of a specified amount of bonds for the purposes of financing disaster preparedness and flood prevention projects.

**STATUS:**

05/19/2006

Signed by GOVERNOR.

05/19/2006

Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 33

CA AB 142

**AUTHOR:**

Nunez (D)

**TITLE:**

Flood Control: Levee Repair and Flood Control

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

no

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

yes

**INTRODUCED:**

01/13/2005

**ENACTED:**

05/19/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

Enacted

**LOCATION:**

Chaptered

**CHAPTER:**

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**SUMMARY:**

Appropriates a specified amount of funds to the Department of Water Resources for levee evaluation and repair, and related work, and flood control system improvements. Requires that the levee repairs for those critical levee erosion sites identified under a specified Governor's executive order be made with funds appropriated.

**STATUS:**

05/19/2006

Signed by GOVERNOR.

05/19/2006

Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 34

CA AB 1039

**AUTHOR:**

Nunez (D)

**TITLE:**

Government: Environment: Bonds: Transportation

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

no

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

02/22/2005

**ENACTED:**

05/19/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

Enacted

**LOCATION:**

Chaptered

**CHAPTER:**

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**SUMMARY:**

Exempts specified levee, highway and bridge retrofit projects from the California Environmental Quality Act. Provides for a master environmental impact report for a plan adopted by the Department of Transportation for improvements to segments of Highway 99 funded by specified bond funds. Consents the jurisdiction of federal courts to the surface transportation project delivery pilot program. Provides for a consolidated permit or approval for urgent levee repairs funded by specified bond funds.

**STATUS:**

05/19/2006

Signed by GOVERNOR.

05/19/2006

Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 31

CA AB 1467

**AUTHOR:**

Nunez (D)

**TITLE:**

Transportation Projects: Facilities: Partnerships

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

yes

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**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2005  
**ENACTED:** 05/19/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 32  
**SUMMARY:**

Authorizes the Department of Transportation and regional transportation agencies to enter into comprehensive development lease agreements with public and private entities, or consortia of those entities, for certain transportation projects that may charge certain users of those projects tolls and user fees, subject to various terms and requirements. Authorizes regional transportation agencies to apply to develop and operate high-occupancy toll lanes. Limits the number of such projects.

**STATUS:**

05/19/2006 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
05/19/2006 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 32

CA SB 1266

**AUTHOR:** Perata (D)  
**TITLE:** Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** yes  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/09/2006  
**ENACTED:** 05/16/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 25  
**SUMMARY:**

Enacts the Highway Safety, Traffic Reduction, Air Quality, and Port Security Bond Act of 2006. Authorizes a specified amount of general obligation bonds for transportation corridor improvements, trade infrastructure and port security projects, schoolbus retrofit, transportation improvements, transit and rail improvements, state-local transportation projects, transit security, local bridge retrofit, highway-railroad grade and crossing projects, highway rehabilitation, local street and road improvements.

**STATUS:**

05/16/2006 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
05/16/2006 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 25

CA SB 1689

**AUTHOR:** Perata (D)  
**TITLE:** Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** yes  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/24/2006  
**ENACTED:** 05/17/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 27  
**SUMMARY:**

Enacts the Housing and Emergency Shelter Trust Fund Act of 2006. Authorizes the issuance of a specified amount of general obligation funds of which the proceeds will be used to finance various existing housing program, capital outlay related to infill development, brownfield cleanup that promotes infill development, and housing-related parks. Establishes the Transit-Oriented Development Implementation Program to receive funding from the proceeds of the bond act.

**STATUS:**

05/17/2006 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
05/17/2006 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 27

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**AUTHOR:** Torlakson (D)  
**TITLE:** Transportation Investment Fund  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/15/2005  
**ADOPTED:** 05/09/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Adopted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 49  
**SUMMARY:**

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to authorize a suspension, in whole or in part, of a transfer

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of motor vehicle fuel sales tax funds to the Transportation Investment Fund for a fiscal year under certain circumstances. Prohibits a suspension from occurring more than twice during a period of 10 consecutive fiscal years. Prohibits a suspension in any fiscal year in which a required repayment from a prior suspension has not been fully completed.

**STATUS:**

05/09/2006  
05/09/2006

Chaptered by Secretary of State.  
Resolution Chapter No. 49

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**Private file:** Housing

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CA AB 2511

**AUTHOR:** Jones (D)  
**TITLE:** Land Use: Housing  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/23/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/24/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** Enrolled  
**SUMMARY:**

Relates to the Planning and Zoning Law. Prohibits a local government agency from disapproving a housing development project or conditioning the approval of a housing development project so that it renders the project infeasible if the basis for the disapproval or conditional approval includes discrimination. Allows a court to compel compliance with these provisions. Provides that if a city or county fails to submit the housing portion of its long-term general plan a court is required to compel compliance.

**STATUS:**

09/13/2006 Enrolled.

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CA AB 2572

**AUTHOR:** Emmerson (R)  
**TITLE:** Housing Element: Colleges  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/23/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/08/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** Enrolled  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires each council of governments or delegate subregion to include among factors to develop certain methodology for distributing existing and projected regional housing needs, the housing needs generated by the presence of a private university or a campus of the California State University or the University of California within any member jurisdiction.

**STATUS:**

09/14/2006 Enrolled.

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CA AB 2634

**AUTHOR:** Lieber (D)  
**TITLE:** Housing Elements  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/24/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/28/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To enrollment  
**SUMMARY:**

Relates to the Planning and Zoning Law. Provides that the required analysis of population and employment trends and quantification of the locality's existing and projected housing needs for all income levels shall include extremely low-income households. Provides that any amendment that alters the required content of a housing element shall apply to any housing element or housing element amendment the draft of which is submitted to the department.

**STATUS:**

08/31/2006 In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment.

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**Private file:** LandUse

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CA AB 773

**AUTHOR:** Mullin (D)  
**TITLE:** Redevelopment: Referendum  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

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**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/18/2005  
**ENACTED:** 08/28/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 161  
**SUMMARY:**

Amends the Community Redevelopment Law that authorizes the establishment of redevelopment agencies and prescribes certain requirements applicable to referendum petitions circulated in cities and counties with a certain population, relating to a redevelopment plan that is subject to referendum, including the timeframe for submission of the petition to the clerk of the legislative body. Makes a 90-day timeframe applicable to all cities and counties.

**STATUS:**

08/28/2006 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
08/28/2006 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 161  
**Subject:** Housing

CA AB 1387

**AUTHOR:** Jones (D)  
**TITLE:** CEQA Residential Infill Projects  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2005  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Provides that, if a residential project not exceeding 100 units with a specified minimum density and within 1/2 mile of the transit stop, or an infill site, in an urbanized area is in compliance with traffic, circulation, and transportation policies of the general, community or specific plan and applicable local ordinances, the city or county is not required to comply with specified requirements with respect to making any findings regarding the significant environmental effects from the project on traffic.

**STATUS:**

09/06/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.  
**Position:** League-Sup 04/20/2005

CA AB 2259

**AUTHOR:** Salinas (D)  
**TITLE:** Local Agency Formation: Extension of Services  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/14/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Relates to and extends the provisions of the Cortese-Knox-Hertzberg Local Government Reorganization Act of 2000. Permits a local agency formation commission to review and comment on the extension of services into previously unserved territory within the unincorporated areas and the creation of new service providers to extend urban type development into previously unserved areas to ensure that the proposed extension is consistent with the policies of the commission and certain policies under state law.

**STATUS:**

08/21/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

CA SB 53

**AUTHOR:** Kehoe (D)  
**TITLE:** Redevelopment  
**INTRODUCED:** 01/10/2005  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires redevelopment plans to contain a description of the redevelopment agency's program to acquire real property by eminent domain, including prohibitions, on the use of eminent domain, and a time limit for the commencement of eminent domain proceedings. Requires such agency to find that significant blight remains in the project area and cannot be eliminated without the use of eminent domain before amending a redevelopment plan to extend the time limitation for commencement of

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proceedings.

**STATUS:**

09/01/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

**Subject:**

Transport

CA SB 927

**AUTHOR:**

Lowenthal (D)

**TITLE:**

Ports: Congestion Relief: Security: Environment

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

yes

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

02/22/2005

**LAST AMEND:**

08/24/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

To Governor

**LOCATION:**

To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

Requires the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to develop a user fee on the owner of container cargo moving through the port and to retain a portion for projects to improve security. Requires the remainder of the fee to be transmitted to the Port Congestion Relief Trust Fund for rail project to improve moving port container cargo and the Port Mitigation Relief Trust Fund to develop project to mitigate environmental pollution caused by the movement of cargo in the ports.

**STATUS:**

09/13/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

**Subject:**

LandUse, Transport

**Private file: SWCompactBills**

CA AB 402

**AUTHOR:**

Dymally (D)

**TITLE:**

Family Law Court: Marriage

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

yes

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

02/15/2005

**LAST AMEND:**

08/28/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

To Governor

**LOCATION:**

Enrolled

**SUMMARY:**

Enacts the Collaborative Family Law Act, to allow the parties to proceedings of the dissolution or nullification of marriage and legal separation to utilize a collaborative law process rather than an adversarial judicial proceeding to resolve those disputes. Requires a court to issue a statement explaining the factual and legal basis for its custody decision upon the trial of a question of fact in a proceeding to determine the custody of a minor.

**STATUS:**

09/14/2006

Enrolled.

CA SB 1282

**AUTHOR:**

Ducheny (D)

**TITLE:**

Transportation: Federal Funds: Border Infrastructure

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

no

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

yes

**INTRODUCED:**

02/14/2006

**LAST AMEND:**

05/02/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

To Governor

**LOCATION:**

To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

Requires federal funds apportioned to the state under the coordinated border infrastructure program of the Safe, Accountable Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to be programmed, allocated and expended in the same manner as other federal transportation capital funds in the state transportation improvement program. Authorizes use of funds for projects in Mexico. Provides for programming the use of funds needed to match related federal funding.

**STATUS:**

08/30/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

CA SB 1286

**AUTHOR:**

Ducheny (D)

**TITLE:**

Binational Air Pollution

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

yes

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

02/14/2006

**LAST AMEND:**

05/26/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

To Governor

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**LOCATION:** To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

Specifies the membership of the California delegation to the binational council to address air quality issues in the binational air basin that encompasses Imperial County and the City of Mexicali. Requires the binational council's meetings to be open to the public and requires the binational council to perform specified functions, including, but not limited to, identifying and recommending strategies and actions that could be taken to improve air quality within the air basin.

**STATUS:**

08/30/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

US HR 469

**SPONSOR:**

Kolbe (R)

**TITLE:**

Hydrogeologic Characterization

**INTRODUCED:**

02/01/2005

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

House Resources Committee

**SUMMARY:**

To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, and for other purposes.

**STATUS:**

02/01/2005

INTRODUCED.

02/01/2005

To HOUSE Committee on RESOURCES.

US HR 1319

**SPONSOR:**

Reyes (D)

**TITLE:**

United States Mexico Border Area

**INTRODUCED:**

03/15/2005

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

Multiple Committees

**SUMMARY:**

To improve the health of residents of, and the environment in, the United States - Mexico border area.

**STATUS:**

03/15/2005

INTRODUCED.

03/15/2005

To HOUSE Committee on ENERGY AND COMMERCE.

03/15/2005

Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on EDUCATION AND THE WORKFORCE.

03/15/2005

Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on AGRICULTURE.

03/15/2005

Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on FINANCIAL SERVICES.

03/15/2005

Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

03/15/2005

Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

03/15/2005

Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on ARMED SERVICES.

US HR 1349

**SPONSOR:**

Oberstar (DFL)

**TITLE:**

Economic Development

**INTRODUCED:**

03/16/2005

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

Multiple Committees

**SUMMARY:**

To amend title 40, United States Code, to provide a comprehensive regional approach to economic and infrastructure development in the most severely distressed regions in the Nation.

**STATUS:**

03/16/2005

INTRODUCED.

03/16/2005

To HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE.

03/16/2005

Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on FINANCIAL SERVICES.

US HR 2672

**SPONSOR:**

Harris (R)

**TITLE:**

Secretary of Homeland Security

**INTRODUCED:**

05/26/2005

**DISPOSITION:**

Pending

**LOCATION:**

Multiple Committees

**SUMMARY:**

Directs the Secretary of State and the Secretary of Homeland Security to establish a program to enhance the mutual security and safety of the United States, Canada, and Mexico.

**STATUS:**

05/26/2005

INTRODUCED.

05/26/2005

To HOUSE Committee on INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

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05/26/2005  
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Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on ARMED SERVICES.  
Additionally referred to HOUSE Committee on HOMELAND SECURITY.

US HR 4893

**SPONSOR:** Pombo (R)  
**TITLE:** Indian Gaming Regulator  
**INTRODUCED:** 03/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Failed  
**LOCATION:** HOUSE  
**SUMMARY:**

Amends section 20 of the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act to restrict off - reservation gaming.

**STATUS:**

09/13/2006 From HOUSE Committee on RESOURCES: Reported as amended.  
09/13/2006 In HOUSE. Failed to pass HOUSE.

US HR 6043

**SPONSOR:** Hastings D (R)  
**TITLE:** Native American Graves Protection  
**INTRODUCED:** 09/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** House Resources Committee  
**SUMMARY:**

Amends the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act so that it will be interpreted in accordance with the original intent of Congress to require a significant relationship be found between remains discovered on federal lands and presently existing Native American tribes for those remains to be applicable under the Native American Graves Protection and Repatriation Act.

**STATUS:**

09/07/2006 INTRODUCED.  
09/07/2006 To HOUSE Committee on RESOURCES.

US S 1875

**SPONSOR:** Bingaman (D)  
**TITLE:** Financial Aid to Border Law Enforcement Officials  
**INTRODUCED:** 10/17/2005  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Judiciary Committee  
**SUMMARY:**

Provides financial aid to local law enforcement officials along the Nation's borders, and for other purposes.

**STATUS:**

10/17/2005 INTRODUCED.  
10/17/2005 In SENATE. Read second time.  
10/17/2005 To SENATE Committee on JUDICIARY.

**Private file: SolidWaste**

CA AB 1333

**AUTHOR:** Frommer (D)  
**TITLE:** Grease Waste Haulers  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2005  
**ENACTED:** 08/28/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 186  
**SUMMARY:**

Prohibits a grease waste hauler from removing grease from a grease trap or interceptor unless the hauler removes all grease, grease liquid, water, and solids from the trap or interceptor each time of removal. Subjects a hauler to a civil penalty for a violation. Allows the enforcement of these provisions only against a grease waste hauling company. Provides distribution of civil penalties. Makes it an offense for a hauler to reinsert or to improperly deposit grease in specified ways. Provides exceptions.

**STATUS:**

08/28/2006 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
08/28/2006 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 186

CA AB 1992

**AUTHOR:** Canciamilla (D)  
**TITLE:** Solid Waste: Dumping  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

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no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/09/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/16/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Provides that the placing, depositing, dumping, of solid waste or overflow, sewage, sludge, cesspool or septic tank effluent, or accumulation of human excreta, or garbage on private property, without the owner's consent, is a misdemeanor. Prohibits placing, depositing, or dumping of solid waste upon private property by the owner or person authorized by the owner, from creating a nuisance and revises highway and road dumping. Increases the mandatory fine for the first conviction. Provides a reward.

**STATUS:**

09/06/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

CA AB 2147

**AUTHOR:** Harman (R)  
**TITLE:** Solid Waste: Plastic Food/Beverage Containers  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/21/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/27/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Prohibits a person from selling a plastic food or beverage container that is labeled as biodegradable or similarly described unless the container meets a current ASTM standard specification for compostable plastics the term used on the label.

**STATUS:**

08/29/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

CA AB 2206

**AUTHOR:** Montanez (D)  
**TITLE:** Recycling: Multifamily Dwellings.  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 03/27/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires local jurisdictions to report on the progress made in the diversion and recycling of waste material at multifamily dwellings in their annual report to add an additional factor related to diversion and recycling of solid waste from multifamily dwellings that the Integrated Waste Management Board would be required to consider in determining the appropriateness of imposing penalties on a local jurisdiction. Requires the board to make available model ordinances for solid waste reduction.

**STATUS:**

09/08/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

**Private file: Transit**

CA AB 372

**AUTHOR:** Nation (D)  
**TITLE:** Public Contracts: Transit Design-Build Contracts  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/11/2005  
**ENACTED:** 09/14/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 262  
**SUMMARY:**

Extends existing law that allows transit operators to enter a design-build contract pursuant to certain procedures. Specifies that a transit operator should establish a labor compliance program only for such contracts and only if the operator does not have a program. Requires the operator to select the design-build entity for projects based on the lowest responsible bidder. Requires the preparation of certain documents. Expands the definition of a transit operator to include a consolidated agency.

**STATUS:**

09/14/2006 Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/14/2006 Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 262

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**Private file: Transportation**

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CA AB 372      **AUTHOR:** Nation (D)  
**TITLE:** Public Contracts: Transit Design-Build Contracts  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/11/2005  
**ENACTED:** 09/14/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 262  
**SUMMARY:**  
Extends existing law that allows transit operators to enter a design-build contract pursuant to certain procedures. Specifies that a transit operator should establish a labor compliance program only for such contracts and only if the operator does not have a program. Requires the operator to select the design-build entity for projects based on the lowest responsible bidder. Requires the preparation of certain documents. Expands the definition of a transit operator to include a consolidated agency.  
**STATUS:**  
09/14/2006      Signed by GOVERNOR.  
09/14/2006      Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 262

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CA AB 521      **AUTHOR:** Runner S (R)  
**TITLE:** Transportation Facilities: Public-Private Partnerships  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/16/2005  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/28/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** Enrolled  
**SUMMARY:**  
Amends existing law that authorizes the Department of Transportation and regional transportation agencies to enter into a specified number of comprehensive development lease agreements with public and private entities or consortia of those entities, for certain transportation projects and all such actions must be submitted to the Legislature for approval or rejection, to modify those provisions to provide the Legislature has 60 legislative days to act on such agreements.  
**STATUS:**  
09/14/2006      Enrolled.

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CA AB 1020      **AUTHOR:** Hancock (D)  
**TITLE:** Transportation Planning: Improved Travel Models  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2005  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/09/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**  
Requires the Transportation Commission to adopt guidelines related to the travel demand models used in the development of regional transportation plans by regional transportation planning agencies. Requires a regional transportation planning agency for a region with a population of 800,000 or more to use those guidelines. Specifies certain policy choices that a travel demand model shall be capable of evaluating. Requires the Department of Transportation to assist the commission, on request, in this regard.  
**STATUS:**  
09/06/2006      \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.  
**Subject:** Transport

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CA AB 1699      **AUTHOR:** Frommer (D)  
**TITLE:** Commuter And Intercity Passenger Trains  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2005  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/22/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To enrollment

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**SUMMARY:**

Requires the Department of Transportation to contract with the Institute of Transportation Studies to conduct a study of the safety of push-pull commuter rail and intercity rail passenger operations, and would require the study to be submitted to the Legislature by June 1, 2008.

**STATUS:**

08/31/2006

In ASSEMBLY. ASSEMBLY concurred in SENATE amendments. To enrollment.

**Subject:**

Transport

CA AB 2295

**AUTHOR:**

Arambula (D)

**TITLE:**

Transportation Capital Improvement Projects

**INTRODUCED:**

02/22/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

To Governor

**LOCATION:**

To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

States that local road rehabilitation projects are eligible for funds allocated for transportation capital improvement funds.

**STATUS:**

09/06/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

**Position:**

CALCOG-Sup, CSAC-Sup

CA AB 2538

**AUTHOR:**

Wolk (D)

**TITLE:**

Transportation Funds

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

yes

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

02/23/2006

**LAST AMEND:**

05/26/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

To Governor

**LOCATION:**

To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

Authorizes each transportation planning agency or county transportation commission to request and receive up to 5% of federal metropolitan planning funds for the purposes of project planning, programming, and monitoring. Changes references to regional improvement funds to instead refer to county share.

**STATUS:**

09/08/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

CA AB 2600

**AUTHOR:**

Lieu (D)

**TITLE:**

Vehicles: HOV Lanes

**INTRODUCED:**

02/24/2006

**LAST AMEND:**

08/28/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

To Governor

**LOCATION:**

Enrolled

**SUMMARY:**

Extends certain provisions of law relating to allowing low-emission and hybrid vehicles to operate in HOV Lanes. Increases the number of described distinctive decals, labels, and other identifiers that are required to be issued by the Department of Transportation.

**STATUS:**

09/14/2006

Enrolled.

**Position:**

CALCOG-Opp

CA SB 927

**AUTHOR:**

Lowenthal (D)

**TITLE:**

Ports: Congestion Relief: Security: Environment

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:**

yes

**URGENCY CLAUSE:**

no

**INTRODUCED:**

02/22/2005

**LAST AMEND:**

08/24/2006

**DISPOSITION:**

To Governor

**LOCATION:**

To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

Requires the ports of Los Angeles and Long Beach to develop a user fee on the owner of container cargo moving through the port and to retain a portion for projects to improve security. Requires the remainder of the fee to be transmitted to the Port Congestion Relief Trust Fund for rail project to improve moving port container cargo and the Port Mitigation Relief Trust Fund to develop project to mitigate environmental pollution caused by the movement of cargo in the ports.

**STATUS:**

09/13/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

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CA SB 1237

**AUTHOR:** Maldonado (R)  
**TITLE:** Vehicles: Combination Length  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/06/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Relates to the prohibition of certain combinations of agricultural vehicles from exceeding a total length of 65 feet. Requires the combination of vehicles, in order to qualify for an exception, to not exceed 50 mph when operating on the highway, to complete a commercial vehicle safety alliance inspection by the Highway Patrol, and to operate on the highways only after the development of safe routing techniques. Limits exceptions to Santa Barbara and San Luis Obispo counties.

**STATUS:**  
09/08/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

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CA SB 1282

**AUTHOR:** Ducheny (D)  
**TITLE:** Transportation: Federal Funds: Border Infrastructure  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** no  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** yes  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/14/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/02/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires federal funds apportioned to the state under the coordinated border infrastructure program of the Safe, Accountable Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: a Legacy for Users (SAFETEA-LU) to be programmed, allocated and expended in the same manner as other federal transportation capital funds in the state transportation improvement program. Authorizes use of funds for projects in Mexico. Provides for programming the use of funds needed to match related federal funding.

**STATUS:**  
08/30/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

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CA SB 1384

**AUTHOR:** Kuehl (D)  
**TITLE:** Los Angeles-Exposition Metro Line Light Rail Project  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/21/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 08/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** To Governor  
**LOCATION:** To Governor  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires the Exposition Metro Line Construction Authority, upon allocation of federal and local funds by the LACMTA, to conduct environmental studies in addition to the financial studies and the planning and engineering necessary for the completion of the Los Angeles-Exposition Metro Line light rail project. Revises the provisions requiring the LACMTA to enter into an agreement with the construction authority to hold in trust certain property and assets. Relates to appointments to the authority.

**STATUS:**  
09/01/2006 \*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

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CA SB 1436

**AUTHOR:** Figueroa (D)  
**TITLE:** Small Business: State Agency Information  
**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes  
**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/22/2006  
**ENACTED:** 09/12/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER:** 234  
**SUMMARY:**

Requires the Department of Technology Services to create a link to state agency Web sites at the State of California Internet portal specifically for the use of small businesses in accessing information regarding startup requirements and regulatory compliance to the particular business. Requires each agency that significantly regulates small business or significantly impacts small business, to designate

at least one individual who shall serve as a small business liaison for the agency.

**STATUS:**

09/12/2006

Signed by GOVERNOR.

09/12/2006

Chaptered by Secretary of State. Chapter No. 234

CA SB 1587

**AUTHOR:** Lowenthal (D)

**TITLE:** Transportation Planning: Federal Funds

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes

**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no

**INTRODUCED:** 02/24/2006

**LAST AMEND:** 08/24/2006

**DISPOSITION:** To Governor

**LOCATION:** To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

Requires a transportation planning agency to submit an updated regional transportation plan every 4 years, except that specified agencies may submit its plan every 5 years. Requires the Department of Transportation to provide specified congestion mitigation and air quality program funds for the 2007 and 2008 federal fiscal years for the Monterey Bay and Santa Barbara regions.

**STATUS:**

09/13/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

CA SB 1687

**AUTHOR:** Murray (D)

**TITLE:** Metropolitan Transportation Authority and District

**INTRODUCED:** 02/24/2006

**LAST AMEND:** 08/24/2006

**DISPOSITION:** To Governor

**LOCATION:** To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

Amends existing law governing the purchases of all supplies, equipment and materials of the Los Angeles County Metropolitan Transportation Authority and the San Francisco Bay Area Rapid Transit District, when the expenditure exceeds a specified amount, to be contract let to the lowest responsible bidder or to the responsible bidder who submits a proposal that provides the best value.

**STATUS:**

09/12/2006

\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

CA SB 1703

**AUTHOR:** Lowenthal (D)

**TITLE:** State Transportation Commission

**INTRODUCED:** 02/24/2006

**LAST AMEND:** 08/07/2006

**DISPOSITION:** To Governor

**LOCATION:** To Governor

**SUMMARY:**

Relates to the State Transportation Commission. Expands the commission with additional members appointed by the Speaker of the Assembly and the Senate Committee on Rules.

**STATUS:**

09/01/2006

Enrolled.

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\*\*\*\*\*To GOVERNOR.

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**AUTHOR:** Torlakson (D)

**TITLE:** Transportation Investment Fund

**FISCAL COMMITTEE:** yes

**URGENCY CLAUSE:** no

**INTRODUCED:** 02/15/2005

**ADOPTED:** 05/09/2006

**DISPOSITION:** Adopted

**LOCATION:** Chaptered

**CHAPTER:** 49

**SUMMARY:**

Proposes an amendment to the Constitution to authorize a suspension, in whole or in part, of a transfer of motor vehicle fuel sales tax funds to the Transportation Investment Fund for a fiscal year under certain circumstances. Prohibits a suspension from occurring more than twice during a period of 10 consecutive fiscal years. Prohibits a suspension in any fiscal year in which a required repayment from a prior suspension has not been fully completed.

**STATUS:**

05/09/2006

Chaptered by Secretary of State.

05/09/2006

Resolution Chapter No. 49

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**Subject:** Revenue/Bond, Transport

US HR 3      **SPONSOR:** Young D (R)  
**TITLE:** Highway Program Funds  
**INTRODUCED:** 02/09/2005  
**ENACTED:** 08/10/2005  
**DISPOSITION:** Enacted  
**LOCATION:** Chaptered  
**CHAPTER #:** 109-59  
**SUMMARY:**  
Creates the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act; authorizes funds for Federal-aid highways, highway safety programs, and transit programs.  
**STATUS:**  
09/01/2005      Public Law No. 109-59

US HR 5576      **SPONSOR:** Knollenberg (R)  
**TITLE:** Department Appropriations  
**INTRODUCED:** 06/09/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 06/14/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** SENATE  
**SUMMARY:**  
Makes appropriations for the Departments of Transportation, Treasury, and Housing and Urban Development, the Judiciary, District of Columbia, and independent agencies for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007.  
**STATUS:**  
07/26/2006      From SENATE Committee on APPROPRIATIONS: Reported with an amendment in the nature of a substitute.  
07/26/2006      In SENATE. Placed on SENATE Legislative Calendar.

US S 2349      **SPONSOR:** Lott (R)  
**TITLE:** Legislative Process  
**INTRODUCED:** 03/01/2006  
**LAST AMEND:** 05/23/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Conference Committee  
**SUMMARY:**  
Provides greater transparency in the legislative process.  
**STATUS:**  
05/23/2006      In HOUSE. Amended on HOUSE floor.  
05/23/2006      In HOUSE. Passed HOUSE. \*\*\*\*\*To SENATE for concurrence.  
05/23/2006      In HOUSE. HOUSE insists on its amendments and agrees to a conference.  
05/23/2006      \*\*\*\*\*To CONFERENCE Committee.

US S 2383      **SPONSOR:** Baucus (D)  
**TITLE:** Equity Act  
**INTRODUCED:** 03/07/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Environment and Public Works Committee  
**SUMMARY:**  
Amends the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make a technical correction.  
**STATUS:**  
03/07/2006      INTRODUCED.  
03/07/2006      In SENATE. Read second time.  
03/07/2006      To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.

US S 2388      **SPONSOR:** Voinovich (R)  
**TITLE:** National Commission  
**INTRODUCED:** 03/08/2006  
**DISPOSITION:** Pending  
**LOCATION:** Senate Environment and Public Works Committee  
**SUMMARY:**  
Establishes a National Commission on the Infrastructure of the United States.  
**STATUS:**  
03/08/2006      INTRODUCED.

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In SENATE. Read second time.  
To SENATE Committee on ENVIRONMENT AND PUBLIC WORKS.

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**Private file: Water**

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US HR 469	<b>SPONSOR:</b>	Kolbe (R)
	<b>TITLE:</b>	Hydrogeologic Characterization
	<b>INTRODUCED:</b>	02/01/2005
	<b>DISPOSITION:</b>	Pending
	<b>LOCATION:</b>	House Resources Committee
	<b>SUMMARY:</b>	
		To authorize the Secretary of the Interior to cooperate with the States on the border with Mexico and other appropriate entities in conducting a hydrogeologic characterization, mapping, and modeling program for priority transboundary aquifers, and for other purposes.
	<b>STATUS:</b>	
	02/01/2005	INTRODUCED.
	02/01/2005	To HOUSE Committee on RESOURCES.

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US HR 624	<b>SPONSOR:</b>	Camp (R)
	<b>TITLE:</b>	Federal Water Pollution Control Act
	<b>INTRODUCED:</b>	02/08/2005
	<b>DISPOSITION:</b>	Pending
	<b>LOCATION:</b>	HOUSE
	<b>SUMMARY:</b>	
		To amend the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for sewer overflow control grants.
	<b>STATUS:</b>	
	07/13/2005	From HOUSE Committee on TRANSPORTATION AND INFRASTRUCTURE: Reported.

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US HR 2864	<b>SPONSOR:</b>	Young D (R)
	<b>TITLE:</b>	Conservation and Development of Water
	<b>INTRODUCED:</b>	06/13/2005
	<b>LAST AMEND:</b>	07/19/2006
	<b>DISPOSITION:</b>	Pending
	<b>LOCATION:</b>	Conference Committee
	<b>SUMMARY:</b>	
		Provides for the conservation and development of water and related resources, to authorize the Secretary of the Army to construct various projects for improvements to rivers and harbors of the United States, and for other purposes.
	<b>STATUS:</b>	
	09/13/2006	In HOUSE. HOUSE refused to concur in SENATE amendments and agrees to a conference.
	09/13/2006	*****To CONFERENCE Committee.

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US HR 4560	<b>SPONSOR:</b>	Duncan (R)
	<b>TITLE:</b>	Federal Water Pollution Control Act
	<b>INTRODUCED:</b>	12/15/2005
	<b>DISPOSITION:</b>	Pending
	<b>LOCATION:</b>	Multiple Committees
	<b>SUMMARY:</b>	
		Amends the Federal Water Pollution Control Act to authorize appropriations for State water pollution control revolving funds, and for other purposes.
	<b>STATUS:</b>	
	01/03/2006	In HOUSE Committee on RESOURCES: Referred to Subcommittee on FISHERIES AND OCEANS.

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# MEMO

**DATE:** October 5, 2006

**TO:** Regional Council  
Transportation and Communications Committee  
Energy and Environment Committee  
Community, Economic, and Human Development Committee

**FROM:** Jeffrey S. Dunn  
Government Affairs Analyst

**SUBJECT:** End of Session Legislative Report

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## SUMMARY:

The End of Session Report will contain summaries of major legislation relevant to SCAG operations and activities that have been either chaptered into law or vetoed. Because the constitutional deadline for the Governor to sign or veto bills is September 30, staff will prepare the final report after that date and distribute to the policy committees and Regional Council on October 5, 2006.

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# MEMO

**DATE:** October 5, 2006

**TO:** Energy and Environment Committee

**FROM:** Jennifer Brost Sarnecki, AICP, Associate Planner, (213) 236-1829, [sarnecki@scag.ca.gov](mailto:sarnecki@scag.ca.gov)

**SUBJECT:** 2004 RTP Update Strategy/SAFETEA-LU Environmental Compliance

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## SUMMARY:

Prior to SAFETEA-LU (Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users), SCAG was required to update the Regional Transportation Plan (RTP) every three years. Now that SAFETEA-LU is in place, the RTP may be update on a 4-year cycle rather than a 3-year cycle. The law allows the transportation conformity on the current RTP as well as the Regional Transportation Improvement Program (RTIP) to continue through the fourth year. However, a key issue for the SCAG region is that the federal agencies may not allow any amendment to the conforming RTIP or RTP during the fourth year of the current RTP (the 2004 RTP). This amendment restriction could threaten the region's ability to deliver projects in a timely manner. In order to minimize the impact of this restriction, staff is preparing a 'Gap Analysis,' or an addendum to the 2004 RTP, so as to bring the current RTP into compliance with the planning provisions of the SAFETEA-LU prior to the July 1, 2007 deadline for full implementation of SAFETEA-LU. The appropriate environmental mitigation activities will be included in the Gap analysis.

## BACKGROUND:

The Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG) prepares the long-range (20 years) Regional Transportation Plan (RTP). An Environmental Impact Report (EIR) is prepared for each RTP. SAFETEA-LU requires expanded coordination on the topic of mitigation for the RTP. SCAG is currently examining potential deficiencies between what is included in the current 2004 RTP and what is required under SAFETEA-LU. Expanded coordination undertaken by SCAG will be documented and submitted to the federal agencies, along with additional efforts on topics such as safety and security. The federal agencies will then determine if SCAG's 2004 RTP meets the new federal requirements.

Staff is preparing an addendum to the 2004 RTP that would address the gap in the current plan as it relates to SAFETEA-LU requirements. This must be accomplished by the July 1, 2007 deadline for full implementation of SAFETEA-LU. The addendum, if approved by the federal agencies, would allow SCAG to continue with RTP and RTIP amendments during the fourth year of the current plan. The Transportation and Communications Committee (TCC) approved moving forward with the proposed strategy to update the 2004 RTP in compliance with SAFETEA-LU at their June 2006 meeting, and the Regional Council approved the TCC recommendation at their July 2006 meeting. Overall, staff is pursuing the following steps:

1. Follow up with the federal agencies on proposed RTP/RTIP amendment 'threshold' criteria.
2. Pursue legislative relief to the planning restrictions that may be imposed in the fourth year of the current RTP.

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3. Prepare an addendum based on the 'Gap Analysis' to bring the current 2004 RTP into compliance with the planning provisions of SAFETEA-LU to the extent possible and take the proposed addendum to the Regional Council for adoption by March 2007.
4. Adopt a fully updated and SAFETEA-LU compliant RTP by December 2007.

To comply with the new SAFETEA-LU environmental requirements, staff has contacted all the cities and counties in the region as well as Federal, State and Tribal land use planning, natural resource, wildlife, environmental protection, historic preservation, conservation, and transportation agencies to specifically follow up on the mitigation measures included in the 2004 RTP EIR. In addition, to gain input from the interested parties, SCAG will be conducting two regional workshops. These workshops will focus on the 2004 RTP EIR mitigation measures and will be held at the following locations and times:

Tuesday, October 10<sup>th</sup>, 11:00 a.m. – Noon  
SCAG – Los Angeles Office  
818 W. 7<sup>th</sup> Street, 12<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Los Angeles, CA 90017

Thursday, October 12<sup>th</sup>, 1:30 p.m. – 2:30 p.m.  
SCAG – Riverside Office  
3600 Lime Street, Suite 216  
Riverside, CA 92501



# MEMO

**DATE:** October 5, 2006

**TO:** Energy and Environment Committee (EEC)

**FROM:** Jessica Kirchner, Associate Regional Planner, (213) 236-1983, kirchner@scag.ca.gov

**SUBJECT:** Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) Open Space and Habitat Chapter

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**SUMMARY:**

SCAG is currently developing the Open Space component of Regional Comprehensive Plan (RCP) in partnership with a consultant. To date, several workshops are scheduled throughout the region to evaluate the approach and receive technical input. Due to the quantity of work that remains in program development, it would be inappropriate to include specific performance outcomes until the program proceeds beyond the initial analysis, and a specific methodology has been identified. Nonetheless, the RCP Task Force directed staff to provide periodic updates to each of the committees regarding chapter development. It is anticipated that staff will return to the task force, and subsequently EEC, with quantified performance outcomes in November or December.

**BACKGROUND:**

During the prior fiscal year, staff engaged the RCP Task Force in discussion on potential performance outcomes for each chapter included in the RCP. Based on these discussions, a review of comparable plans, and available data, staff is now proposing initial performance outcomes along with the basic strategy intended to achieve those outcomes. At the September RCP Task Force meeting, staff presented outcomes for the Land Use and Housing, Open Space and Habitat, and Security and Emergency Preparedness chapters. At the request of the Task Force the Open Space and Habitat chapter proposal is being presented as an information item for review.

**ATTACHMENT:**

Open Space and Habitat goals and strategy

## REGIONAL COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

### Open Space and Habitat Chapter

September 2006

#### Goals and Strategies – Initial Proposal

##### *Overview*

The overall purpose of the Open Space and Habitat Chapter is to establish regional goals and an action plan – including measurable performance criteria for the protection of open space and habitat resources in Southern California. For purposes of this report “open space” is divided into three focus areas:

Natural open space - areas with regionally unique or threatened biological resources, large contiguous blocks of natural open space and areas that link large blocks of natural open space.

Community open space – recreation areas that function as regional facilities, open space that serves the daily needs or defines the character of local neighborhoods, and open space that connects or buffers land used in developed areas.

Agricultural lands – prime farmlands, lands covered by the Williamson Act, agricultural lands that function as buffers or linkages to natural open space and agricultural lands that are important components of community open space. Also all lands that currently have a General Plan Agricultural designation or have a designation that allows specific types of agricultural activities

SCAG will identify and designate lands within the SCAG region according to the following categories listed above. As part of the Land Use and Housing chapter additional lands will be designated as various types of “urban.”

##### *Goals*

1. **Goal:** Protection of natural open space areas identified as regionally important.  
**Description:** Inventory existing open space plans and programs to determine amount of natural open space under protection. Prioritize areas for protection.  
**Potential Quantified Goal:** acres preserved, percentage of priority areas preserved, reduction in the of loss of natural open space  
**Data considerations:** will utilize a combination of SCAG data sets and data acquired by the consultant, requires identification of baseline, measures the rate at which open space loss occurs. Factors for the prioritization of natural open space include biological value (type and condition). Factors for prioritization of community open space include accessibility, regional importance, population served and uniqueness.

2. **Goal:** Add community open space through infill/redevelopment.  
**Description:** Requires designation of “urban” parts of the region, cataloguing of infill areas and community open space  
**Potential Quantified Goal:** Increase in acres of community open space per 1,000 residents, increase in number of Compass partner cities using proposed design standards for infill/urban development  
**Data Consideration:** need to develop baseline for ratio, determine the types of community open space to include.
3. **Goal:** Preservation of agricultural lands  
**Description:** Requires designation of “urban” parts of the region  
**Potential Quantified Goal:** Reduction in agricultural acres converted to non agricultural use or from one agricultural use to another.  
**Data considerations:** need to determine rate of agricultural conversion and percentage rate reduction.

### ***Strategies***

Activities/Plan provisions – The above-proposed goals will be achieved by the application of a strategy involving the following actions. Through the development of the chapter, SCAG will establish the required levels of implementation action to achieve the specified goals.

#### **Provide programmatic incentives for implementation, including finance**

SCAG will identify resources to direct toward local agencies that choose to implement the provisions of this plan. Programmatic incentives include strengthened Intergovernmental Review (IGR), CEQA reform and/or General Plan consistency. Resources will include funds identified in the current state infrastructure bonds for regional planning incentives. In addition, SCAG will propose various new innovative finance mechanisms for this purpose such as benefit assessment districts, conservation tax credits, SAFETEA-LU (and other federal fund sources), Purchase-of-development rights, public private partnerships. Additional local funding mechanisms will be explored.

#### **Building and design standards, including green building (also a land use strategy)**

SCAG will develop a set of simple, broadly applicable standards for various types of urban development consistent with the 2% strategy. For example, regional centers identified in the 2% strategy should feature housing at a given range of density, floor area ratio, and orientation, etc. Further, SCAG will describe desired targets for green building.

#### **Land use and urban design standards (for community/infill development)**

SCAG will develop a set of simple, broadly applicable standards for various types of urban development consistent with the 2% strategy. These standards will focus on walkability, pedestrian friendliness, multi-modal systems and creation of community open space.

**Implement 2% Strategy**

SCAG will continue working with individual jurisdictions to collaborate on planning and development of key strategic growth areas identified in the 2% strategy.